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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-5 and add claims 6-18 as follows:

Claims 1-5 (Canceled).

6. (New) A process for manufacturing a side fold sack from a flat lying segment of a web of plastic tubular film, said segment having a rear wall and a front wall joined with side folds, the process comprising the steps of:

providing a bottom end of the flat lying segment of plastic tubular film with a staggered portion in which the rear wall projects beyond the front wall;

applying an adhesive to the staggered portion up to a fold line area having a fold line located adjacent and generally parallel to a free edge of said front wall at said bottom end;

and

folding the staggered portion along the fold line and adhering said staggered portion onto said front wall to seal the bottom end of the side fold sack.

7. (New) The process as set forth in claim 6, wherein the step of providing the staggered portion includes providing a staggered cut or a staggered detachment along a perforation line

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such that the rear wall projects beyond the side walls and the side walls project beyond the front wall.

8. (New) The process as set forth in claim 6, wherein the step of providing the staggered portion includes providing a staggered cut or a staggered detachment along a perforation line such that a bottom layer of the side folds projects beyond an upper layer of said side folds.

9. (New) The process as set forth in claim 7, wherein the step of providing the staggered portion includes providing a staggered detachment along perforation lines which are affixed on the flat laying plastic web at intervals equal to a length of the segment, before said segment is added to a side fold tubular web, by folding sides of the web so as to overlap and simultaneously inserting the side folds and affixing a center weld which runs lengthwise.

10. (New) The process as set forth in claim 9, wherein, starting from the rear wall, the perforation lines are graduated, passing in steps over those parts that form the side folds into

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the front wall, transverse segments of the graduated perforation lines being parallel to each other.

11. (New) A process for manufacturing a sack with side folds from a flat lying segment of a web of plastic tubular film, said segment having a rear wall and a front wall joined with the side folds, the process comprising the steps of:

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cutting a bottom end of the flat lying segment of plastic tubular film such that the rear wall projects beyond a bottom edge of the front wall to form a staggered portion;

*(applying an adhesive to the staggered portion up to an area of a fold line) in said front wall, said fold line being substantially parallel with said bottom edge of said front wall; and*

*folding the staggered portion along the fold line and adhering said staggered portion onto said front wall to seal the bottom end of the sack.*

12. (New) The process as set forth in claim 11, wherein in the step of folding, a portion of said front wall between the fold line and said bottom edge is also adhered to said front wall.

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13. (New) The process as set forth in claim 11, wherein the step of cutting includes providing a staggered cut such that the rear wall projects beyond the side walls and the side walls project beyond the front wall.

14. (New) The process as set forth in claim 13, wherein in the step of folding, a portion of said front wall between the fold line and said bottom edge, and projecting portions of said side walls are also adhered to said front wall.

15. (New) The process as set forth in claim 11, wherein the step of cutting includes providing a staggered cut such that a bottom layer of the side folds projects beyond an upper layer of said side folds.

16. (New) The process as set forth in claim 15, wherein in the step of folding, a portion of said front wall between the fold line and said bottom edge, and the bottom layer of said side walls are also adhered to said front wall.

17. (New) The process as set forth in claim 11, wherein the step of cutting includes providing a staggered detachment along

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perforation lines which are affixed on the flat laying plastic web at intervals equal to a length of the segment, before said segment is added to a side fold tubular web, by folding sides of the web so as to overlap and simultaneously inserting the side folds and affixing a center weld which runs lengthwise.

18. (New) The process as set forth in claim 17, wherein,  
starting from the rear wall, the perforation lines are graduated,  
passing in steps over those parts that form the side folds into  
the front wall, transverse segments of the graduated perforation  
lines being parallel to each other.